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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(b) if so, the details thereof including that of the agreement?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

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